

CONCORDIA

STINGERS

Nov. 5, 2002

Sommer Christie and Krista Mackay named All-Canadians

Two members of the Concordia rugby program were named to the Canadian Interuniversity Sport women's rugby All-Canadian team last Thursday. Sommer Christie, a fourth-year scrum half, and Krista Mackay, a rookie inside centre, were among the elite honored at a banquet in Toronto.

It is the second consecutive All-Canadian award for Christie, a native Wentworth, Que.

"Sommer has been developing her weapons and came to Concordia this season with a bigger arsenal," said head coach Sheila Turner. "She comes with a good box kick, her pass is phenomenal in both directions and she applies pressure in defence and is a strong, hard tackler."

Christie is a true force at every game and at every practice. In 10 games this season, she scored 18 tries. She was named QSSF MVP and all-star for her efforts this season. The 23-year-old athletic therapy major is also a member of the Canadian senior national women's rugby team and was captain of the Canadian national under-23 team.

An all-round athlete, Mackay joined the Stingers for the team's third game of the season and as a welcome addition. She's a relatively inexperienced player, having played only a few years at high school and at the CEGEP level. Turner says Mackay has a lot of raw talent and impressive instincts considering her background. She gets the ball moving forward in the backs. She goes into contact well and recycles the ball. She puts good pressure on defence, is a strong tackler and knows where to be defensively. She is small but fearless - not afraid to sacrifice her body. She is also the placekicker and has a very strong foot.

Two other members of the Stingers received QSSF all-star honors this season - Melissa Dykeman, a second-year fullback, and third-year centre Andreane L'Ecuyer.

Ammar Bedawieh, Stingers receive soccer honors

Concordia Stinger forward Ammar Bedawieh was named MVP of the QSSF men's soccer conference and led a strong contingent of Concordia all-stars from both the men's and women's teams.

Bedawieh is a perennial threat who frequently attracts double coverage from Stinger opponents. He showed marked consistency and prolific scoring with increased effectiveness as the season progressed. The Concordia co-captain is always a player to watch with his smooth dribbling skills and lethal finish. Involved in 70 per cent of the team's scoring, his value to the Stingers cannot be overstated. He scored seven goals in the regular season.

Joining Bedawieh on the men's first all-star team are defender Steven Craig and mid-fielder Medhi Mourali. Goalkeeper Steven McCauley was named to the second all-star team.

Four members of the Concordia women's team also received QSSF all-stars honors. Defenders Shannon Ransom and Jerusha Osborne were named to the first team, while goalkeeper Ingrid Dubuc and defender Valerie Desjardins were named to the second team.

Stinger David Aiken nominated for Russ Jackson Award

David Aiken, a fifth-year safety, has been chosen as the Quebec Interuniversity Football Conference nominee for the prestigious Russ Jackson Award.

Since 1986 the Jackson award has been presented annually by the CIS to the football player best exemplifying the attributes of academic achievement, football skill and citizenship. The award is named in honor of CFL Hall of Famer and Ottawa Rough Rider quarterback Russ Jackson.

Four nominees, representing the four regions of Canada, will be considered by a panel of coaches from across the country. The winner will be honored at a gala luncheon in Toronto during Vanier Cup week.

Aiken, a finance major, had a 3.5 GPA last semester and plans to pursue a Master of Science in Finance when he graduates this December.

The Burlington, Ont., native has a long list of community service to his credit, including volunteering for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. A cause which is special to him since his mother, Marie McNeil, was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 11 years ago. He is also the Stingers Student-Athlete Association president and the student-athlete representative on the Concordia Recreation and Athletics Board. He has been part of several hospital visits and also tutors teammates.

"In his five years at Concordia, Dave has been a motivator, tutor, part-time coach and an outstanding role model," says head coach Gerry McGrath. "He is highly respected by the players, coaches and the Concordia community."

Aiken was also named to the QIFC all-star team last week. Joining him on the elite squad were teammates Jean-Michel Paquette as a return specialist, defensive end Troy Cunningham and receiver Darrel Wood.

Concordia Athletes of the Week

Ingrid Dubuc of the women's soccer team and **Mickey Donovan** of the football team have been named Concordia Stinger athletes of the week for the period ending Nov. 3.

Dubuc was in goal for the Stingers when they defeated the McGill Martlets 1-0 on penalty kicks (5-4) in the QSSF semifinal last Friday. She shut out the Martlets through 90 minutes of regulation time and 30 minutes of overtime. She also scored the winning goal in the shootout. She was the ninth shooter. The Ste. Foy, Que., native is enrolled in the graduate diploma in sports administration.

Donovan, a native of Laconia, N.H., collected 13 tackles in Concordia's 29-21 QIFC semifinal win over the No.6-ranked Laval Rouge et Or last Saturday. His totals represented six more than any other defensive player in the game. During the regular season, he led the QIFC in defensive stats with 64 tackles. Donovan is a second-year leisure sciences major.

Coming Events

Friday, Nov. 8

Women's Hockey	Concordia @ UQTR	8 p.m.
Men's Basketball	Dalhousie vs. Concordia	7 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9

Football	Dunsmore Cup	1 p.m.
	Concordia @ McGill (RDS)	
Men's Basketball	Concordia @ Clarkson	8 p.m.
Men's Hockey	Concordia @ Queen's	7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 10

Men's Hockey	Concordia @ RMC	2 p.m.
Women's Hockey	Ottawa vs. Concordia	2:45 p.m.

Men's Soccer (6-4-2 in QSSF, 6-5-2 overall, 0-1 in playoffs)

QSSF semifinal

Nov. 1 McGill Redmen 2 Concordia Stingers 0

Women's Soccer (7-4-3 in QSSF, 8-5-3 overall, 1-1 in playoffs)

QSSF semifinal

Nov. 1 Concordia Stingers 1 McGill Martlets 0 SO
Concordia wins 5-4 on penalty kicks
Scorers: Val Desjardins, Jerusha Osborne, Anne-Marie Lachapelle
Ingrid Dubuc, Marie-Claude Allard

QSSF championship

Nov. 3 Laval Rouge et Or 2 Concordia Stingers 0

Football (4-4 in the QIFC, 1-0 in playoffs, ranked No. 7 in CIS)

Nov. 2 Concordia Stingers 29 Laval Rouge et Or 21
Jean-Michel Paquette 34 carries, 209 yards, 1 TD
Alain Rousseau 7 receptions, 65 yards, 1 TD
Mickey Donovan 6 solos tackles, 7 assists, 1 PD

Men's Hockey (1-3-1 in OUA, 3-5-1 overall)

Nov. 1 Concordia Stingers 3 Toronto Varsity Blues 3
Chris Page 2 goals
Mathieu Lendick 1 goal

Nov. 2 Concordia Stingers 2 Ryerson Rams 1
Chris Page 1 goal
Edin Burazerovic 1 goal

Women's Hockey (2-2 in QSSF, 5-2-1 overall, ranked No. 5 in CIS)

Nov. 2 Concordia Stingers 8 Waterloo Warriors 1
Genevieve Dupuis 3 goals
M.C. Allard 2 goals, 2 assists
Leanne Martell 2 goals
Leanne McPhee 1 goal

Nov. 3 Guelph Gryphons 2 Concordia Stingers 1
M.C. Allard 1 goal

Men's Basketball (3-3 in pre-season)

Week off for men's basketball

Women's Basketball (2-6 in pre-season)

Nov. 1	Memorial Sea-Hawks 68 M.J. Raposo Anne-Catherine Leduc	Concordia Stingers 54 15 points, 3 rebounds 13 points, 6 rebounds
Nov. 2	Memorial Sea-Hawks 76 M.J. Raposo Anne-Catherine Leduc	Concordia Stingers 72 15 points, 7 rebounds 15 points, 7 rebounds
Nov. 3	Memorial Sea-Hawks 72 Pascale Morin Nirmala Bains	Concordia Stingers 48 12 points, 5 rebounds 10 points, 7 rebounds

Men's Rugby (6-2 in QSSF, 7-3 overall, 1-1 playoffs)

QSSF final

Nov. 3	McGill Redmen 14 Jon Chiniborch	Concordia Stingers 10 1 try
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